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2019 Vets Christmas Charity Ride in the works for Columbia VAHCS

[Also, Christmas card donations to Veterans needed for holiday spirits]

The largest motorcycle ride in the state of South Carolina is already in preparation for Sunday, Dec. 8 for the Columbia VA Health Care System.

The riders will depart Carolina Honda at 2 p.m., with the cyclist making their way to the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center to bring the cheer of the season to the Veterans here.

Participating in the largest motorcycle ride for the state of South Carolina, thousands of riders from all over the United States will bring needed items to the Veterans. However, even those who do not ride a motorcycle are welcome to witness the cyclists ride in to the medical center while enjoying the music, free food, and camaraderie among all those present, especially the hospitalized Veterans.

Gifts which Veterans need come in the form of such as socks, gloves, blankets, sweat shirts and pants, underwear, non-skid slippers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, backpacks, t-shirts, cash donations and more.

Most hospitalized Veterans will not get a single card this year and you have the power to change that. Individuals, businesses, churches, or school can participate by providing holiday cards. This will ensure that each Veteran will get a card throughout the holiday

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season. Persons may bring the cards with them or mail them to: Columbia VA Health Care System, ATTN: Voluntary Services, Public Affairs Office, 6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, S.C. 29209.

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